

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING

Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sevier River Water Users, Inc. held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, January 15, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

There were present the following Officers and Directors:

PRESENT:

Clyde Bunker, President-Millard County
Kurt Sorenson, Vice President-Sanpete County
Sheldon Proctor, Director-Garfield County
Afton Blood, Director-Piute County
Phill Nielson, Director-Millard County
Ivan Cowley, Director-Richfield Area
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Ray Owens, Sevier River Commissioner
Lee Simms, Division of Water Rights
Kirk Forbush, Division of Water Rights
Terry Monroe, Division of Water Rights
John Larsen, Division of Water Rights

The meeting was called to order by President Clyde Bunker who presided at the meeting. President Bunker noted that Commissioner Jim Walker had asked to be excused from the meeting. Lee Simms gave a brief summary of what had taken place at the last budget meeting.

Lee talked about the sheet that has been requested showing the water used by each user plus the amount of their assessment. Lee agreed to try and work up a summary report for this year.

Dean Anderson read from a report that was prepared by Commissioner Walker showing the status of Sevier Bridge Reservoir as of October 1, 1997 and January 1, 1998.. The report noted that there was no water due from the upper zone.

Ray Owens gave a report of the upper zone. He noted that Commissioner Walker had also asked about support for the realtime stations and that his December mileage wasn't included in the 1997 expenditure report.

There was a discussion about the proper procedure for paying bills between the commissioner and the Division of Water Rights. Ivan Cowley moved that all bills go to the Commissioners and then are forwarded to the State. The Commissioners should be notified about bills sent directly to the State before payment. The motion was seconded by Afton Blood and passed unanimously.

Ray noted that deputy commissioner Jim Owens has been in the hospital and will be ready to go this

spring. Ray gave a report of the Piute and Otter Creek reservoirs. **Ivan Cowley moved that the reports from the River Commissioners be accepted.** The motion was seconded by Afton Blood and passed unanimously.

President Bunker turned the time over to Lee Simms who talked about the river distribution fund. The budget for the previous year had been \$142,204 with a total of \$128,645.46 being spent. The board discussed the budget items. Ivan Cowley talked about equipment needs on the river. He noted that the radio system in the Sevier Valley has been working very good. Clyde asked about getting some of the Co-op funds from the State to use on our on river gauging system. There was a lengthy discussion about putting realtime system on the river. **After discussion, Phill Nielson moved that the 1997 financial report be approved as presented.** The motion was seconded by Russell Christensen and passed unanimously.

President Bunker briefly talked about the need for a biological study on the Sevier River. He noted that he would have a presentation for the next board meeting.

Prior to discussion the salary of the commissioner, Afton Blood moved that the board hold an executive session. The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously. All were excused except the directors.

After the meeting reconvened, Afton Blood moved that the commissioners be given a wage increase of 5% and a raise of \$100.00 to each of the gateman. The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously.

Ivan Cowley moved that the rest of the budget items be approved as discussed. The motion was seconded by Phill Nielson and passed unanimously.

Kurt Sorensen moved that the board recommend to the State Engineer that Ray Owens and Jim Walker be retained as river commissioners for another year. The motion was seconded by Phill Nielson and passed unanimously.

Ivan Cowley moved that the Secretary be paid \$50.00 per meeting rather than \$40.00. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Proctor and passed unanimously.

Ivan Cowley moved that the 1998 assessment be set at \$130,000.00. The motion was seconded by Afton Blood and passed unanimously.

Lee talked about the possible change in how water rights are transferred with land as is noted in 73-1-11 of the Utah Code.

There being no further business, Russell Christensen moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Phill Nielson and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President